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P&G Case 8258X

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of :
Lin *et al.* : Confirmation No.: 3953
Serial No.: 09/965,113 : Group Art Unit: 1761
Filed: September 26, 2001 : Examiner: L. T. Tran
For: IMPROVED EMULSIFIER SYSTEMS FOR USE IN MAKING DEHYDRATED
STARCH INGREDIENTS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 29, 2004, which provides a one (1) month period for response. No fees for an extension of time are believed to be due.

REMARKS

The Examiner's Restriction & Election of Species Requirements

In setting forth the restriction requirement, the Examiner asserts that the application is directed to five (5) independent or distinct inventions. On this basis, the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following five groups:

- (I) Claims 1-12, drawn to compounds, drawn to an emulsifier.
- (II) Claim 13, drawn to another emulsifier.
- (III) Claims 14-30, drawn to a process for making potato ingredients.
- (IV) Claims 32-33 drawn to a dough composition.
- (V) Claims 31 and 34-37, drawn to starch ingredients.

Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute the subject matter of Group I, drawn to an emulsifier for use in making dehydrated starch ingredients. Claims 1-12 read on the elected subject matter. While Applicants do not traverse the requirement insofar as Group I is asserted to